

EMPLOYERS UNITE TO FIGHT WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL

Manufacturers' Association and Legislative Committee of Manufacturers' Club Prepare to Wage Battle on Measure.

Labor Union Men and Opponents Will Lock Horns in Arguments on Respective Features of Act—Employers Demand Increase.

A vigorous fight to prevent the passage of the administration's workmen's compensation act in the form announced by Governor Brumbaugh last Saturday has been planned. The manufacturers are taking steps to fight various features of the act which they consider too drastic and even "confiscatory," while the labor organizations, on the other hand, are endeavoring to have the amount of compensation increased.

The Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association and the Legislative Committee of the Manufacturers' Club will meet within a day or two and plan a fight on certain features of the draft of the act that has been made public. The coal operators, as well as the manufacturers, will be represented in Harrisburg in their fight for the kind of a measure they want. The Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, the Central Labor Union of Philadelphia and other labor bodies will also be represented at the Legislature when the administration's workmen's compensation act comes up.

The employers of the State have let it be known that they object to the provisions of the proposed act that provides: That compensation must be paid for virtually 10 years for total disability. That this shall include farm and domestic labor.

That the act be made applicable to unincorporated citizens, thus forcing employers to send the compensation to the families of the injured workmen, in Italy and other foreign countries. The employers assert that the amount that would be sent abroad from this State each year in this way would be enormous.

The coal operators and manufacturers individually are opposing many other features of the proposed act, but their principal fight will be directed against the above named provisions.

Should their fight against the exemption of farm and domestic labor be successful, it was pointed out by members of the Legislature today that the entire act might fall. The "country" members defeated workmen's compensation two years ago, because the provisions of the bill introduced in 1913 were not made applicable to farm and domestic labor.

The labor organizations of the State are planning a concerted effort to have the amount of compensation increased from 50 per cent. to 65-75 per cent., the amount paid in New York under the compensation law of that State.

They assert that while a man is incapacitated by an accident, he needs even more than his regular salary, because of his increased expenses.

The bill, or rather, the series of bills, will not be introduced in the Legislature for another week at least. Governor Brumbaugh desires to have the measure thoroughly discussed before the final draft is submitted to the Legislature, and during the coming week he will hear all sides of the question.

"SAFETY FIRST" SERMON
The Rev. L. N. Caley Preaches on Salvation at Lenten Service.

"Safety first" was the topic of discussion chosen by Rev. L. N. Caley, pastor of the Church of St. Jude and the Nativity, for the noonday Lenten service at Old St. Paul's, 34 street, below Walnut street, last night.

The well-known motto, he said, has been adopted for the attainment of material prosperity and there is no reason why it should not be adopted for the attainment of spiritual betterment. According to the Bible safety means salvation," Mr. Caley said.

"There are four aspects to salvation," he continued, "the way of salvation, the knowledge of salvation, the joy of salvation and the day of salvation. The way of salvation depends on the work of God for us. The knowledge of salvation depends on the work of God for us. The joy of salvation depends on our walking with God."

J. T. Richards, P. R. R. Man, to Retire
Joseph T. Richards, consulting engineer of the Pennsylvania Railroad, will retire today, after 40 years of active service. In addition to his duties as head of the way department, Mr. Richards was chairman of a number of other committees for working out the plans of the New York and Washington yards and stations.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES
Harry B. Irons, Montgomery Square, Pa., and Emma Gray, Montgomery Square, Pa., were married by Rev. L. N. Caley, pastor of the Church of St. Jude and the Nativity, at Old St. Paul's, 34 street, below Walnut street, last night.

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THOUSANDS ATTEND LENTEN SERVICES

Noonday Sermons Heard by Busy Crowds in Many Downtown Churches.

Lenten services, attended by several thousand shoppers and working people, were held in Episcopal, Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches in the downtown part of the city last night.

In St. John's Roman Catholic Church, 15th street above Chestnut street, the Rev. John J. Wheeler preached the sermon on the theme, "The Ingratitude of Man in His Relations to God and His Failure to Live in Accordance With Divine Law."

"Our conscience is a hideous sight," said the speaker. "If God were to reveal any man's conscience to the multitude here assembled, that man would run away and hide himself in some secret corner. In our dealings with God we are a pretty mean set. In our dealings with God we are unspicably filthy."

"God wants my heart and not my sincerity. I cannot deceive him, so what is the use of trying? The average Christian may be said to be often ruled by self-deception and a wrong appreciation of life. Self-deception often makes us believe that we are a great deal better than we actually are."

"Religion is a personal union between God and the individual, and others' actions are not within the justification of our mind and criticism. We dwell little on ourselves spiritually. The mission of the church is to force us into study of ourselves, especially during this season of Lent, which is pre-eminently a time for introspection."

Father Wheeler dwelt upon the inadequacy of service rendered to God. "I tumble into bed at night and I tumble out of bed in the morning," he said. "Are my prayers on these occasions a reasonable, intelligent service? In my prayers do I ever think of God? How many hasten to the confessional when in mortal sin?"

"How many try to hear sermons and instructions that their minds and hearts may be filled with good thoughts and charitable sentiments?"

Referring to secular matters, he spoke of the man who is a perpetual "grouch" at home, a constant scandal to his children on account of bad temper, intolerance and general lack of the spiritual.

"I am a mean, low, base ingrate; I am ashamed of myself. How does God tolerate me?" With these sentiments of humility he will take up, next Monday, the subject, "The Spirit of Lent."

GARRICK THEATRE MEETING
The Rev. Dr. S. S. Marquis Preaches Lenten Sermon.

"What Must I Do to Be Lost?" was the topic of today's noon sermon in the Garrick Theatre, preached by the Rev. Dr. Samuel S. Marquis, dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, of Detroit, Mich. He cited Scripture passages which man may lose eternal salvation.

"The first way," said Doctor Marquis, "is the way of the lost sheep, which breaks away from the flock and the shepherd and goes back to the wilderness. Typical of this sort of backsliding is the man who heeds the call of the wild and turns his back on conventionality."

"The second way," said Doctor Marquis, "is the way of the prodigal son, another type. He loses eternal life because he has no purpose. His pockets are filled with money, but he has no purpose, no serious intention."

"The parable of the lost coin illustrates the third manner of losing salvation. The coin is made valuable by a process which makes it attractive to the one who has lost it. After it is lost, it is still just as valuable, but its actual worth is depreciated by its isolation. The college graduate who remains aloof from the world is a representative of this class. He neglects the opportunity which is his to benefit mankind."

THE SOURCE OF HAPPINESS
Dr. Grotton Appeals for Righteousness in Lenten Sermon.

"Righteousness means honesty in business, justice in dealing with men, and purity in social relationships," said Dr. W. M. Grotton, dean of the Philadelphia Divinity School, in a sermon in Old St. Peter's Church, 34 and Pine streets, tonight.

"The effect of righteousness is twofold," said Doctor Grotton. "It defends one from temptation at the outset, while defense is the most telling. It gives him the consciousness of an honest, clean life, which is always a source of strength and inspiration in the warfare against evil. Loyalty to God's laws is especially valuable for the sense of power and peace with which it fills the heart of God's servant."

Two Burned in Gas Explosion
An explosion, when John Snyder, 4700 Smick street, applied a match to a gas jet which had been left open in the kitchen of the Moyet Baptist Church annex, Manayunk and Kramers avenues, last night, killed Snyder and his companion, Urban Pews, of Fowler street. The two men entered the church annex yesterday and kindled gas. The explosion blew out the door and several windows of the room.

Pastor Declines Local Call
The Rev. Samuel McWilliams, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, Chester, has declined to accept a call to the Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church, of this city. A delegation from the local congregation visited the Chester clergyman several days ago, but the minister declared he desired to remain in his present position.

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Kiddies of John Talap, Recently Electrocuted by State, Are Kept in Ignorance of Their Father's Shameful Death.



Above are the four children of John Talap, left fatherless when he was recently put to death in the electric chair for the murder of his wife, shown below.

A little matter of \$228 and interest that will accrue to them when they reach majority is the sole legacy of the children of John Talap, who died last Tuesday morning in Pennsylvania's new electric chair at Rockview, Centre County.

Talap deprived his four children of their mother by shooting her in a fit of jealous rage. The State deprived them of their father by killing him in the electric chair nearly two years later. Unlike the end of the mother, that of the father was legal and cold and formal.

The little ones, whose ages range from 3 to 7 years, know nothing of their father's death, nor of the manner in which their parents died. The oldest, Mary, was just a trifle over 5 years old when her grandfather came home one stormy morning with the children saw his father and the pallor in his face of one who had looked suddenly on violent death.

Since that time George Fesco and his wife, Mary, the grandparents, have stepped into the shoes of their murdered daughter and executed son-in-law, so far as their relations with the little ones are concerned. The children do not know that their mother had been murdered and their father electrocuted for the crime. To them their grandparents are father and mother.

When Fesco found his daughter murdered on the roadside a block from his home in August, 1912, and when his son-in-law disappeared, he and his wife naturally took care of the little ones. They furnished them with food and clothing, and they knew that he was skulking miserably about the little village of Stowe, a few miles north of Pottsville, where they lived, waiting for the moment when he should have sufficient courage to surrender.

Then Talap gave himself up and was put in jail. The children saw nothing more of him, and by the time their dim recollections of both father and mother faded. It was quite natural for the grandparents to do what they could.

But the mills and other industries of Stowe do not operate all the time, and the day came when George Fesco found himself out of work. It was hard to see the little girls go, but it had to be done. One of them, Mary, was given in care of a Philadelphia family. The other, Annie, 5 years old, went to Cheampana City.

John, Jr., 4 years old, and George, 2 years old, remained with their grandparents. They still live in the little two and a half story frame house at Stowe, built by their father. Each believes the little, gray-haired woman with the age-lined face and the kindly eyes is "mother." Each calls George Fesco "father."

Whatever talk of the double tragedy there is in the Fesco home never takes place within the hearing of the two little boys. They romp about the house or in the yard with the other children of the neighborhood, carefree and happy. There is no cloud of dark memory in their blue eyes, no dim suspicion of the terrible truth in their childish minds.

They do not even suspect that they will not always be playing together in their home in the village of Stowe. They do not realize that the pinch of unemployment may force the man who is father to them to send them to an asylum, that they may be adopted into

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and in a few years the wooden cross, if there is one, will rot and crumble away. By the time the children are grown those who buried Talap probably will have died, and there will be no one to point out the mound to them. But they may never search for it, for they may never know.

REFINERY OFFICIALS PREDICT LOWER PRICE OF GASOLINE

Base Belief on Announced Discovery of Bureau of Mines.

The public may expect a decline in the price of gasoline, in the opinion of W. M. Irish, secretary of the Atlantic Refining Company. He made the prophecy this morning, after reading an announcement by Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, that the United States Bureau of Mines has made a discovery which will enable independent refiners in this country to increase their output of gasoline from petroleum by 200 per cent. or more.

"If the new method cheapens the cost of production, the Atlantic Refining Company will be glad to participate in it," said Mr. Irish. "It probably will make the independent refiners a more important factor in the business." Although predicting a lower price if the new discovery works out as expected, he declared that the present retail price of gasoline, 1 1/2 cents a pint is "cheap."

"Increased production undoubtedly will bring about a reduction of price," said George M. Dietrich, district sales manager of the Gulf Refining Company, an independent company.

The manager of another large independent refining company was less positive in predicting a lower price. He pointed out the increasing number of motor vehicles as evidence that the demand for the commodity is constantly growing. He said that if unexpected elements do not arise, the price will drop somewhat in case the Government's discovery is all that is claimed for it. "It will have to be tried out before its value will be known," he said.

REV. DR. E. W. RICE RETIRES Editor of Sunday School Union Leaves Post After Long Service.

The Rev. Dr. Edwin W. Rice, since 1871 editor of the American Sunday School Union, and the Rev. Dr. Moses W. Williams, who has served as assistant editor since 1875, retired today from active work, but will continue to serve the union as honorary editors.

Doctor Rice succeeded as editor by the Rev. James McConaughy, while the Rev. A. J. R. Schumaker has become assistant editor. The new editor of the Union is a native of Gettysburg, Pa., and is a graduate of Gettysburg College and the Union Seminary. He was formerly secretary of the New York Young Men's Christian Association and later was engaged by Dwight L. Moody as teacher in the Moody Schools at Northfield and Mount Hermon. The new assistant editor is a graduate of the Harvard Theological Seminary and spent two years studying in Germany.

W. U. HENSEL'S FUNERAL Distinguished Pennsylvanian Will Be Buried at Lancaster Tomorrow.

The funeral services of William Uther Hensel, ex-Attorney General of Pennsylvania, formerly one of the most eminent leaders of the Democratic party of the State, who died in Savannah, Ga., early Saturday morning, will be held tomorrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock, in the First Presbyterian Church, at Lancaster, Pa. The body arrived at his home in Lancaster last night. A delegation of Mr. Hensel's friends from this city will attend the services.

Churches Presented With Flags
American flags were presented to three different churches in various sections of the city last night in connection with patriotic services. The Northwest Association of the Daughters of Liberty presented a silk banner to the Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, 8th and Cumberland streets, and the Darby Presbyterian Church, at Lancaster, Pa. Washington Camp, No. 314, P. O. S. of A. Camp No. 18, of the same order, gave a flag to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 524 street and Cedar avenue.

Boys Accused of Burglary
Misplaced confidence in a new friend is responsible for the arrest of two youths who will be arraigned in the Camden Police Court today, accused of burglary. The prisoners are Carson Stricker, 17 years old, of 1153 Liberty street, and Emil Halter, 16 years old, who gave an address on Mount Vernon street, Camden. As a result of information given to the police by an acquaintance of the boys, the police say, they were caught in the act of robbing a lot gas meter.

SUFFRAGISTS TO AID CAUSE IN DELAWARE

Philadelphia Advocates of Votes for Women Will Campaign in Neighboring State.

A number of Philadelphians interested in the woman suffrage question will leave this city in a week or so and go into Delaware, where they will aid the supporters of the "cause" in that State in their fight for the franchise. Great interest is displayed among suffragists in and about Philadelphia in the fight there, as Delaware is the only State in the Union which can pass a constitutional amendment without a referendum to the people. All that is necessary is for suffragists to procure the passage of their bill in two successive Legislatures. The measure has not yet passed that body, and it is for this reason that a concerted effort is being made to have it favorably received.

A series of propaganda meetings and demonstrations are planned, at which suffragists will present their case to the people and voters of Delaware. Solicitation for support will be made and converts to the "cause" sought. The meetings will be held on March 5 and 7 at Wilmington, but the fight will be carried into every section of the State. Among the Philadelphians who will be on hand at the meetings are Ferdinand H. Graser, Henry Johns Gibbons, an attorney, and G. O. Swartz, of the Peirce Business College. These have consented to make addresses and will go at the solicitation of the Equal Franchise Society of this city.

The work in Delaware is being carried on chiefly by the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage. Miss Mabel Vernon, formerly of this city, is among those who are organizing in that State. Miss Anna McCue, a former mill worker of Kensington, is also on hand. Mrs. Bayard Hillier, Delawarean, and a member of a prominent family there, is at the head of the local forces.

RELIEVED OF JOB AT LAST
Samuel H. Moore, postmaster at Manoa, Delaware County, has finally succeeded in ousting himself from his job after 34 years of faithful service. The veteran official had been trying to have himself discharged for years without success, but today he will be able to take down his weather-beaten sign and send his books to Washington, as the Government officials have notified him that the station will be abolished. When the office was under the control of the late Mr. Moore refused to take the examination, and as no one else could be located who was willing to take the position the station had to be done away with.

New Burgess for Ambler
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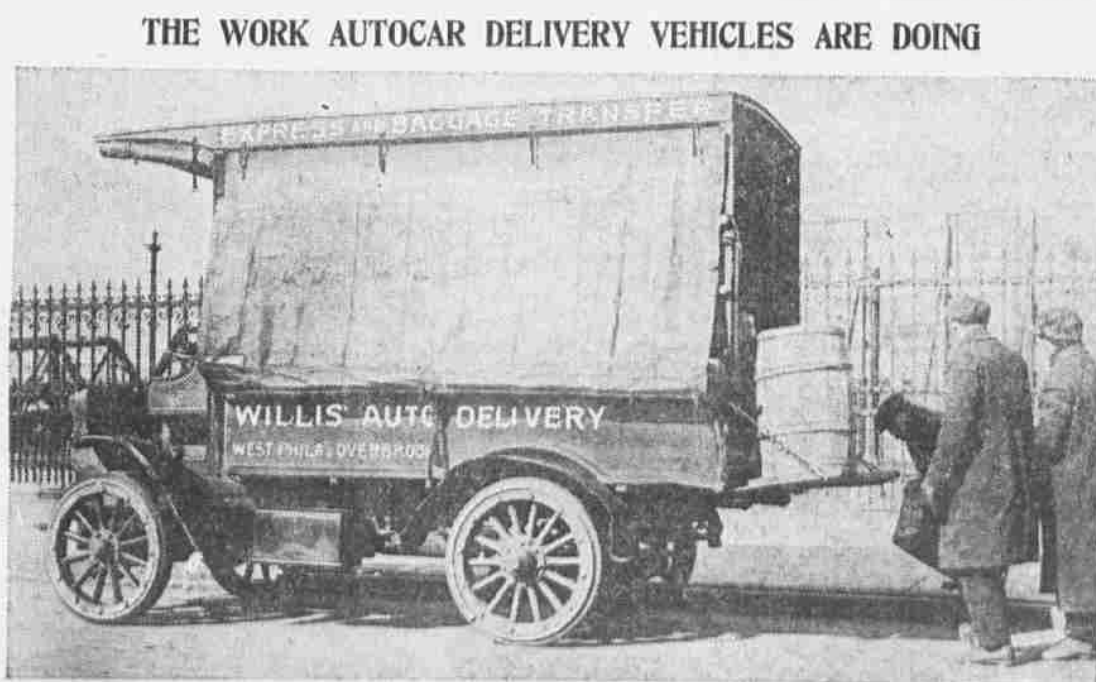
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